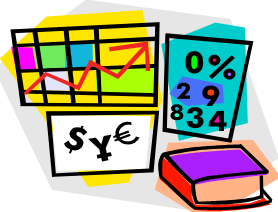


LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 3

Statistical Data Report for May 2006

Released July 2006

The Fort Wayne MSA includes three counties; Allen, Wells, and Whitley Counties. The Economic Growth Region 3 includes; Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

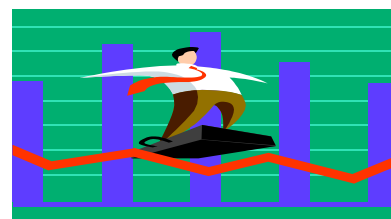
May 2006 Labor Force Estimates State Release Date: 06/22/06 Monthly Unemployment Rate Percentages			
	05/06	04/06	05/05
U.S.	4.4	4.5	4.9
INDIANA	4.8	4.8	5.1
FORT WAYNE MSA	5.3	4.7	4.8
EGR 3	5.4	5.0	5.3
COUNTY:			
Adams	4.3	4.2	4.3
Allen	5.3	4.8	4.9
DeKalb	5.4	5.6	5.7
Grant	6.7	6.8	8.1
Huntington	6.0	4.7	4.9
LaGrange	4.3	4.4	4.3
Noble	5.4	5.5	5.5
Steuben	5.7	5.9	5.7
Wabash	5.4	5.4	6.4
Wells	5.0	3.8	4.0
Whitley	4.7	4.3	4.5
CITY:			
Angola	7.2	6.9	6.3
Auburn	6.1	6.0	5.7
Bluffton	4.9	4.1	4.9
Columbia City	4.9	5.0	4.6
Decatur	5.6	5.4	5.2
Fort Wayne	5.5	5.2	5.3
Huntington	5.7	5.3	5.7
Indianapolis(Cons)	4.9	5.0	5.3
Kendallville	5.9	6.0	6.7
Marion	7.8	8.1	9.0
Wabash City	5.6	6.0	9.0
OTHER MSA'S			
Indianapolis	4.3	4.3	4.6
Gary	5.4	5.2	5.4
Evansville	4.5	4.4	4.9

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK – MARCH 2006	COUNTY
1	Orange (7.5%)
4	Grant
13	Huntington
19	Steuben
24	DeKalb
25	Noble
26	Wabash
27	Allen
37	Wells
48	Whitley
64	Adams
66	LaGrange
92	Hamilton (2.9%)

SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT May 2006 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	4.4%
Kentucky	5.5%
Michigan	5.8%
Ohio	4.9%



ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in May, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Twenty four states registered over the month unemployment rate increases, 21 states recorded decreases, and 5 states had no change. All four regions recorded nearly identical unemployment rates in May. The South registered the lowest unemployment rate, 4.6 percent, followed closely by the remaining three regions, at 4.7 percent each. Mississippi and Alaska posted the highest unemployment rates in May, 7.3 and 7.1 percent, respectively. The states recording the lowest jobless rates were South Dakota, 2.9 percent, and Hawaii, Vermont, and Virginia, 3.0 percent each. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 41 states, up in 7 states and stayed the same in 2 states. The states with the largest over the year jobless rate declines were Illinois and Iowa. New Jersey, Alaska, Rhode Island and Arkansas registered significant unemployment rate increases from a year earlier.

The LAUS (local area unemployment statistics) program will no longer revise the prior month's state labor force estimates each month. Estimates will be subject to revision at the beginning of the following calendar year.



FORT WAYNE MSA

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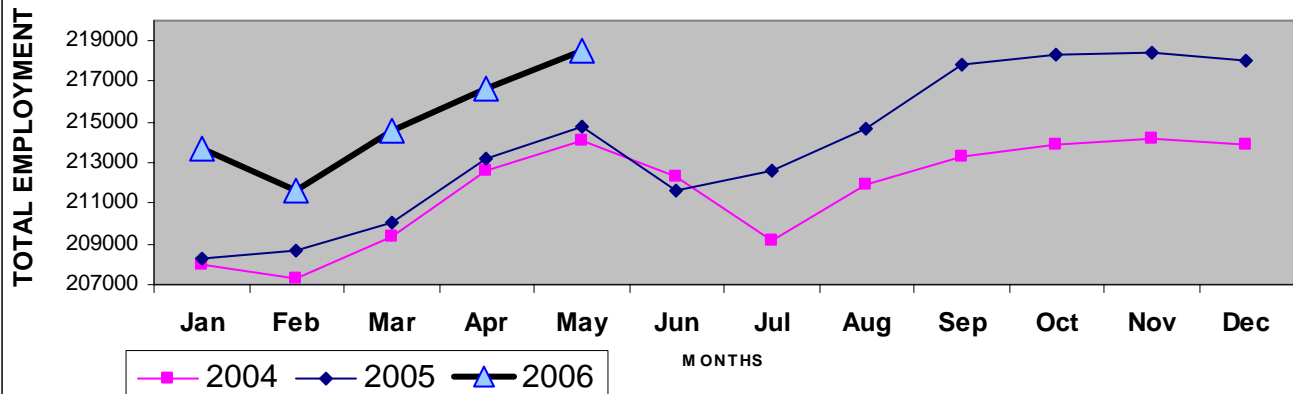
Fort Wayne, IN MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	MAY 2006	APRIL 2006	MAY 2005	APR. 2006 TO MAY 2006		MAY 2005 TO MAY 2006
Total Nonfarm	218,500	216,700	214,800	+1,800 +0.8%	+3,700	+1.7%
Total Private	195,000	193,500	192,000	+1,500 +0.8%	+3,000	+1.6%
Goods Producing	49,200	48,600	48,700	+600 +1.2%	+500	+1.0%
Service-Providing	169,300	168,100	166,100	+1,200 +0.7%	+3,200	+1.9%
Private Srvs Provide	145,800	144,900	143,300	+900 +0.6%	+2,500	+1.7%
Nat. Res & Construction	11,900	11,600	11,600	+300 +2.6%	+300	+2.6%
Manufacturing	37,300	37,000	37,100	+300 +0.8%	+200	+0.5%
Durable Goods	28,500	28,400	28,400	+100 +0.4%	+100	+0.4%
Computer and Electronic	4,200	4,200	4,000	+0 +0.0%	+200	+5.0%
Transportation Equipment	6,400	6,300	6,500	+100 +1.6%	-100	-1.5%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	46,700	46,300	46,200	+400 +0.9%	+500	+1.1%
Wholesale Trade	13,100	13,000	12,700	+100 +0.8%	+400	+3.1%
Retail Trade	23,000	22,800	23,200	+200 +0.9%	-200	-0.9%
Trans, Warehouse, Utilities	10,600	10,500	10,300	+100 +1.0%	+300	+2.9%
Information	3,600	3,600	3,600	+0 +0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Finance	11,900	11,900	12,100	+0 +0.0%	-200	-1.7%
Professional and Business	21,000	20,900	20,200	+100 +0.5%	+800	+4.0%
Educational and Health	33,600	33,900	32,700	-300 -0.9%	+900	+2.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	20,600	20,000	20,100	+600 +3.0%	+500	+2.5%
Food Services and Drinking	16,900	16,500	16,900	+400 +2.4%	+0	+0.0%
Other Services	8,400	8,300	8,400	+100 +1.2%	+0	+0.0%
Government	23,500	23,200	22,800	+300 +1.3%	+700	+3.1%
Federal Government	2,300	2,200	2,200	+100 +4.5%	+100	+4.5%
State Government	4,600	4,600	4,300	+0 +0.0%	+300	+7.0%
Local Government	16,600	16,400	16,300	+200 +1.2%	+300	+1.8%
Local Govt Education	9,800	9,600	9,700	+200 +2.1%	+100	+1.0%

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING
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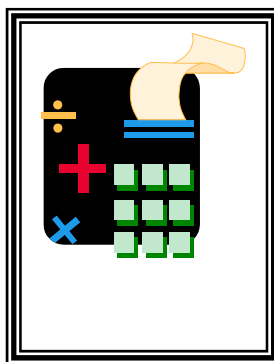
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION OR NON-SUPERVISORY WORKERS BY INDUSTRY FT. WAYNE MSA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 2006	APRIL 2006	MAY 2005	MAY 2006	APRIL 2006	MAY 2005	MAY 2006	APRIL 2006	MAY 2005
Manufacturing	\$755.48	\$743.20	\$781.21	42.3	41.8	42.9	\$17.86	\$17.78	\$18.21
Retail Trade	\$310.88	\$314.98	\$312.23	29.0	29.3	29.4	\$10.72	\$10.75	\$10.62

FT WAYNE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE

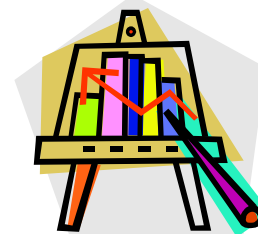


LOCAL OFFICE	May 2006	April 2006	Previous Month % Change	May 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	9,695	7,974	21.6%	6,158	57.4%
Auburn	7,880	9,442	-16.5%	9,074	-13.2%
Connersville	2,129	2,320	-8.2%	2,664	-20.1%
Fort Wayne	18,966	16,419	15.5%	15,471	22.6%
Kokomo	9,944	11,289	-11.9%	8,662	14.8%
Marion	5,479	5,687	-3.7%	6,420	-14.7%
Muncie	9,771	10,634	-8.1%	10,625	-8.0%
Richmond	3,327	3,271	1.7%	3,487	-4.6%
INDIANA	237,830	253,681	-6.2%	245,251	-3.0%

APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 3

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date July 16, 2006

Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	8,302
Production Laborers	6,448
All Other Machine Operators	4,301
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	3,688
Hand Packers & Packagers	3,148
All Other Hand Workers	2,791
Cashiers, General	2,423
General Office Clerks	2,277
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	2,174
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	2,121
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,717
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,660
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,584
Production Helpers	1,555
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,482
Order Fillers- Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,451
All Other Machine Setters & Set-up Operators	1,446
File Clerks	1,427
Administrative Assistants	1,425
Other Hand Material Movers	1,376



The Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs – A listing of the jobs most “in demand” for the state of Indiana has been sent to education, workforce and economic development officials and posted in each of the department’s 26 WorkOne Centers and across the state. The 50 jobs were selected based on growth factors from Indiana’s Occupational Projections 2002-2012, and wage information from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey produced by the department. To be selected for the list, a job had to be ranked in the top 200 in total growth (the numeric growth of new jobs) and in the top 200 in percent growth from 2002 to 2012. This list was then limited to those jobs that had a higher average wage than the state’s median wage for all jobs (\$27,204), based on the November 2003 Occupational Employment Statistics wage survey. The listing is also available on the department’s web site, www.in.gov/dwd.

4th QUARTER 2005 AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES

"Covered Employment and Payrolls" includes employees working for firms subject to the Indiana Employment and Training Services Act. The Act, in general, includes employers with one or more employees. Railroad, small nonprofit institutions, and churches are excluded. Only part of the employment in private households and on farms is included. Federal government employees are not included in these figures.

Average Weekly Wages are computed from quarterly earnings and average employment. The figures are computed from payroll totals so they include all employees. The Average Weekly Earnings for Manufacturing are based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Consumer Price Index



1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3							

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3							

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

4th QUARTER 2005 AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES

COUNTY	DECEMBER 2005 EMPLOYMENT	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	
		ALL INDUSTRIES	MANUFACTURING
Adams	14,330	\$574	\$744
Allen	181,690	\$700	\$969
DeKalb	20,920	\$705	\$904
Grant	26,020	\$611	\$1,062
Huntington	15,090	\$575	\$768
LaGrange	12,430	\$683	\$895
Noble	19,190	\$588	\$707
Steuben	14,660	\$564	\$722
Wabash	13,130	\$574	\$774
Wells	10,810	\$584	\$844
Whitley	11,640	\$599	\$784
Indiana	2,870,100	\$700	\$952

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